

- a. Updated membership list
- b. Updated calendar
- 3. Mail Chimp – Meeting notice, Zoom, Scholarship tickets

Web Site Statistics: Desktop 70%, Tablet 5%, Mobile 25%

Silent Key Committee –Rodney Brown, AA5RB – No donations since last meeting. Will be going to a location tomorrow to pick up donated equipment.

Monthly Activities – Travis Few, N9EOD – Fox hunt last month. None scheduled for November and December, but will resume in January.

Executive – No report

Election Committee – Paul Guido, N5IUT – Report presented. Motion to approve report. Approved unanimously.

Slate of Candidates identified: Presi-
dent: Paul Guido

Vice President: Lloyd Swartz Secre-
tary: Jack Bannin

Treasurer: Jon April

Director 2023: Rodney Brown

Director 2026: Benny Martinez

Director 2027: Harold Fleischer

Solicited nominees from the membership. None were proffered. Motion to close the nomination passed unanimously.

Slate of candidates was approved without objection by unanimous consent. They will assume responsibility on January 1, 2023.

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings) - None

New Business – None

Announcements:

- Tailgate Dec. 3, 2022 at Encino Park Library 8am-2pm. \$5 donation for sellers. Those funds will be donated to the library for children’s programs.
- Christmas party: Details available in the calendar at the club’s website.
- AARO’s Christmas party is 12/14/22 @ La Hacienda de los Barrios, 18747 Redland Rd. SARC members are available.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:18 PM

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Volunteer Examiners at Work



No report as of publishing time.

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My Morse Code Adventure (Continued from page 1)

As a Department of the Army civilian I could sign up for a distance learning service which still included lessons in Morse code on cassette tape, even though the Army had discontinued Morse requirements for their operators. I applied and got a box of cassette tapes in the mail with some printed instructions. Fortunately, the course was not graded.

The old-time Army radio operators encoded messages for security, sending them using Morse in 5-letter groups. So my practice consisted of random 5-letter/number groups at increasing speeds. That taught me not to anticipate the word being sent before it was complete. I'd copy on paper using a pencil, then play the lesson back to check my work.

Someone gave me a Morse code course on a set of LP records. These also used random groups of letters but in sessions of a minute each I think it was, same as the FCC test. Interestingly, they included all the punctuation marks. So I not only learned the period, comma, dash and slash commonly used by hams, but also the colons and semi-colons, quotation marks, etc. Not much use in common ham talk. I used the same copy, review method as with the tapes though the records had the lessons in print. Both were pretty effective ways to learn the code and I progressed steadily.

To use Morse, or CW, on the air you have to send. I interspersed my copy sessions, disk or tape, with sending practice. I had an outboard Heathkit keyer with my Bencher iambic paddles. I practiced "sending" words from the newspaper or from a book to help my "fist." I alternated between the iambic keyer and the straight key. Sorry to say my "fist" has suffered from inactivity.

I passed my 13 wpm test sitting for my general license. I progressed to advanced and then set my sights on amateur extra. By that time I had a job in the Pentagon and joined the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club. The club station was on the 5th floor around the corner from my office. I could work CW for lunch. Several club members were studying for amateur extra and so we started a lunchtime seminar group. Working CW contests increased my copying speed overnight by 5 wpm. I scheduled my tests soon after a contest. It worked.

If you don't use it, you lose it and that is true of Morse code. Letter recognition fails. Since I've been on the air after about a 20-year hiatus, I've made a couple of CW contacts. It is painful for me and the other station. I know the Morse alphabet, but need to start the learning process over again and build up my speed. With no-code licensing, it is not unusual to hear amateur extra call signs sending 5 wpm code. We're all learning. Now what did I do with that old outboard MFJ keyer?

Next time: equipment and CW shorthand.

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Membership Renewal

Now is the time to renew your membership; don't forget!



SARC accepts credit card online for payment of dues. Remember, the early discount only applies if you pay prior to January 13th

Thanks to the Board of Directors for containing club expenses to allow us to keep membership dues at the same level since 2008.

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Pay online https://w5sc.org/membership/



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

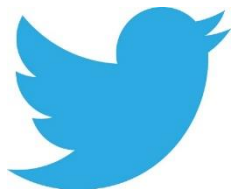
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site <https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/> NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

SARC Tweets



Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook



There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Page

SARC SLACK



There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC Meeting Dates for 2023

- January 12, 2023
February 9, 2023
March 6, 2023
April 13, 2023
May 11, 2023
June 8, 2023
July 13, 2023
August 10, 2023
September 14, 2023
October 12, 2023
November 9, 2023
December – No meeting

Meetings are normally held at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p. m. for supper

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact: David Finell, N7LRY Instructor

JOTA
Club members participated in JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16, 2022. Volunteers set up several stations including mobile installations and allowed scouts to contact stations as far away as England.

SARC has a website:
w5sc.org
Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com
210-570-0335

Emergency Communications
If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS

Radio Fiesta 2023
Watch for news of the next Radio Fiesta
Radio Fiesta 2023 was moved from the pre-vious January time frame to June.

License Testing Dates for 2023
License Testing Dates pending for 2023

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

Field Day 2023
FD 2022 was great, FD 2023 is coming sooner than you'd think!

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.